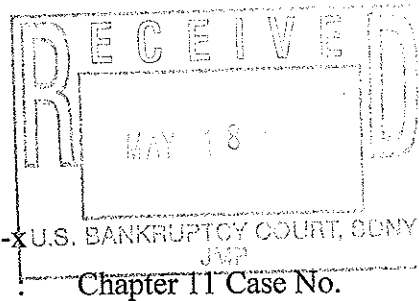


UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



In re

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)

Debtors. : (Jointly Administered) : (Jointly Administered)

RESPONSE TO DEBTORS' ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS  
OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (NO LIABILITY NON-DEBTOR EMPLOYEE CLAIMS)

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Robert K. Laible ("Claimant") was employed by Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. ("LBHI") and certain of its subsidiaries. On September 21, 2009, Claimant filed a proof of claim and was issued claim number 23997.

Claimant and LBHI and its subsidiaries entered into a number of letter agreements setting forth the terms of his assignments to divisions of the Lehman Brothers based in Asia as well as the terms of the Claimant's compensation. A copy of an assignment letter between Claimant and LBHI which states "Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., your US employer" is annexed to this document. Claimant's employment agreement indicated in the above assignment letter states that it is subject to tax equalization program of Lehman Brothers.

Pursuant to Lehman Brothers' ex-patriot policy Lehman Brothers adopted a tax equalization policy for certain employees who were subject to income taxes in both the United States and in the countries where they were stationed. Pursuant to this policy, Lehman Brothers assumed responsibility for Claimant's actual tax liability for employment related income in both the United States and in the countries where Claimant were stationed. In exchange, Claimant agreed to pay Lehman Brothers an amount based on a hypothetical tax return that was prepared assuming Claimant had earned his employment related income in the United States.

In 2008, in Japan, the hypothetical taxes were withheld from Claimant's paychecks under the tax equalization policy. Lehman Brothers, however, subsequently failed to make any payments to the relevant tax authorities and Claimant was required to pay his taxes to the relevant tax authorities by himself. The amount Lehman Brothers failed to pay to him as compensation regarding the tax equalization policy is \$446,683.

In LBHI's One Hundred Seventeenth Omnibus Objection To Claims (No Liability Non-Debtor Employee Claims) LBHI asserts that it has determined that Claimant was not an employee of LBHI and as a result is LBHI is not liable for compensation based claims.

In practice, LBHI and its subsidiaries acted in concert with respect to employment matters. As a result it is difficult to determine which entity precisely employed Claimant, which entity received hypothetical tax withholding payments from Claimant and which entity failed to pay Claimant's tax liabilities. Therefore, if LBHI continues to insist it is not employer of the Claimant, Claimant intends to seek documents and other information through discovery procedures from LBHI as well as other Lehman Brothers entities in connection with his on-going investigation of these matters.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tatsuya Tanigawa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'T' at the beginning.